

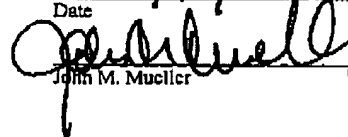
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Application of:

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Title : PAINT APPLICATOR DEVICE  
Docket No. : NEW10-GN005 (39824)  
Examiner : Tuan N. Nguyen  
Art Unit : 3751

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION & AMENDMENT**

The present submission is in response to a final Office action having a mailing date of June 14, 2006, and having a three-month shortened statutory period of response through and including September 14, 2006. A one month extension allows response up to and including today, October 16, 2006. Accordingly, this paper is also a request for a one month extension of time. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.